

REMARKS

Reconsideration is requested of the rejection of claims 6-8 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. 112 as being indefinite with respect to the molar ratio. Simple calculations show that the ratio of 6:5 to 1:2 is within the range of molar ratio 4:3 to 1:10. 4:3 converts to a ratio of 1.33 to 1 and 1:10 converts to a ratio of 0.1 to 1. The ratio 6:5 converts to a ratio of a number of 1.2 to 1 and the ratio 1:2 converts to a ratio of 0.5 to 1.

In view of the amendment made, reconsideration is requested of the rejection of remaining claims 1, 2, 3, 6, 10, 12, 15 and 17 as being unpatentable over Gutierrez et al. combined with Wilson's "Fuel Lubricity" article. The amendments made now clearly limit the amines to those having no more than 5 nitrogens. This clearly places the compositions of the invention outside the scope of the Gutierrez et al. reference. Gutierrez et al. as set forth in line 30 of page 3 clearly require that the polyamines used contain more than 6 nitrogens per molecule.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, favorable action is courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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